

BRIEFLY TOLD

An everbearing Valencia orange tree, which is destined to revolutionize the orange industry, has been discovered by horticulturists in a grove at Tampa. The tree is about fifteen years old and has been bearing continuously eight years and apparently authentic records indicate that at no time during that period has it failed to have fruit and blossoms at all stages of maturity. Everbearing Florida lemons have been common for many years.

During the coal strike the change in the atmosphere of London has been noticeable. The air is clear and coal dust has ceased to settle in an ugly gray on clothing. Medical men have joined with architects in demanding that there be legislative repression of the uses of soft coal.

Beauty enduring for eight thousand years on the face of a girl is a remarkable feature of a mummy that has been brought to London from Egypt and is now in the Egyptology section of the University College.

Passengers for the United States, who miss the boat trains running between Paris and Havre, are to be taken to Havre by airplane. The planes will leave Le Bourget two hours after the boat trains have departed.

For nearly a mile along the Etobicoke Creek near Brampton, Ontario, thousands of dead fish and dead frogs floated on the surface of the stream when a high wind blew a hydro wire into the creek. Practically the entire frog colony was electrocuted.

Millions of army worms or caterpillars in New Brunswick have stripped the trees of foliage in many places. The railroad tracks are covered with these worms on certain sections and they grease the rails so badly that freight trains are having difficulty getting over the road and passenger trains are run in two sections.

A forty-foot vein of lead has been discovered in the heart of Dubuque, Iowa, one hundred sixty feet below the city.

An army airman flew across the Grand Canyon several times recently and also flew down into the gorge. He has been detailed by the War Department to study the air currents in and over the canyon and to locate possible landing fields there. This is believed to be a preliminary to establishing a commercial airplane service in that vicinity.

Texas is capable of marketing annually four million tons of wax from a weed known as the candelilla plant. It grows on the poorest kind of soil and a yield of ten tons an acre is frequently obtained. There are only six factories in Texas manufacturing the wax at this time.

The first jury trial ever held in the Mackenzie territory will be conducted at Fort Providence upon the arrival of the judge and the legal party who recently left Edmonton for the North. It will be the trial of a man for the murder of his wife and infant child.

According to a report to the infant welfare society in Chicago, the children of wealthy parents are not on a par physically with those of poor parents. In one school in an exclusive neighborhood half of the children examined were not up to normal weight and many were seven per cent under weight.

In a barren and waterless waste in British East Africa is what appears to be a lake covered with a coating of snow partly thawed and then frozen again. It is in reality a deposit of soda. Travelers traversing this district in the dry season find their shoes burned and the sharp spikes of the soda will pierce any but the thickest soles. During the rainy season the lake is a beautiful pink.

A man ninety-seven years of age, living near Augusta, Maine, is cutting teeth for the third time in his life. Healthy, white teeth are working up through the gums with four teeth in sight.

To show their contempt for burglar insurance, burglars in New York City recently tore into bits the policy of the man they were robbing and scattered the pieces around the rooms.

A boy sixteen years old, while swimming in the Niagara River above Niagara Falls, was swept out into the current and over the falls. He saved himself by clinging to a drifting log which was whirled around in the outer eddy of the big whirlpool. Boy companions threw him the end of a rope and hauled him ashore uninjured.

Of the forty-eight states constituting the United States, forty have adopted the Mothers' Pension law in some form.

Street cars of Glasgow stop only at stipulated stations. At other places the motorman merely reduces the speed of the vehicle, the passenger making his ascent to the platform on the fly. This practice saves considerable current in the course of a year.

In Japan there are five Japanese for every acre cultivated.

For the first time in history a woman presided over the House of Representatives when Miss Alice Robertson, Republican member from Oklahoma, occupied the chair during the absence from Washington of Speaker Gillett.

Of every eight persons in the United States one is foreign born, according to recent figures issued by the Census Bureau.

An amphibious gun mount tractor has been invented which can travel under water to a depth of twelve feet by means of a periscope attached to the carburetor so it can get air. It can make ten miles an hour under water.

A Brooklyn judge refused to admit as evidence in a burglar's case a bag containing dynamite, fuse and blasting caps which were brought into court. When the prosecutor directed an expert to fit the caps to the fuse the judge suggested that the test be made before the grand jury.

The Navy Department has asked for sealed bids on a piano from the President's yacht, Mayflower. So many offers have been made for the old instrument by hunters of historical curios that this procedure was necessary to give everybody a chance. A new concert grand is replacing the old one.

In 1920 almost six million barrels of Chinese flour were shipped to Europe. New mills are to be built in the wheat-growing sections.

Afflicted with paralytic nerve shock due to an automobile accident and without the use of his right arm, a Chicago man has trained his left hand to handle a brush and has turned to painting. His paintings bring a good price in the market.

When the South Platte River was a raging torrent recently with all bridges washed away, a woman lay dying for lack of medical attention two miles from a physician on the opposite side of the river. When all hope seemed gone the doctor remembered that the Postmaster General had "humanized" his department. He secured a mail airplane and made the trip, receiving the authority afterward.

Details of a new continent in the Antarctic region describe a country rich in oils, minerals and furs. The British Antarctic expedition has found strange birds of immense size as well as many other oddities in the new country.

The United States Weather Bureau station on the north coast of Alaska frequently reports a summer temperature of one hundred in the shade.

A woodpecker recently held up an important Southern Pacific train near El Paso when it pecked away the lead wire to the track relay post near the signal. This threw a red "block" causing the engineer to stop the train to investigate.

A man in Waukegan, Wisconsin, claims to have discovered a bug that kills potato bugs and that he is raising a colony of the killers in his basement.

Senator Arthur Capper has loaned out two hundred thousand dollars, without security, to boys to purchase pure-blood pigs. The boys become interested in their stock raising and remain on the farm. The Senator is applying the same idea to chicken clubs with girl members and has already loaned fifty thousand to Kansas girls for purchase and development of purebred flocks.

The Australian Commonwealth Government has offered a reward of 25,000 pounds for oil in payable quantities and the New South Wales Government has offered 10,000 pounds for oil. Despite the fact that in many sections of the country oil is actually trickling from the earth at the rate of two or three gallons a week, government engineers have been unable to find oil in commercial quantities.

Utah's anti-cigarette law bars all smoking in public places in addition to prohibiting the giving away, sale, exchange or barter of cigarettes.

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